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Serial No.: New – (National Phase of :  
PCT/JP2004/013408) :  
International filing date: September 15, 2004 :  
For: AIR-CONDITIONING OUTDOOR UNIT, :  
AIR CONDITIONER, AND COMPRESSOR: :  
UNIT (AS AMENDED) :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No 2-4376 appears to disclose an air conditioner with a flexible pipe.

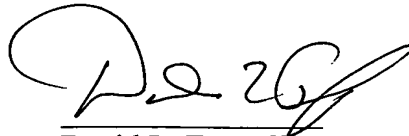
Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 2-43017 appears to disclose a pipe for air conditioner. This invention discloses a flexible pipe located where four-way valve and heat exchanging unit connect perpendicularly.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 4-31501 appears to disclose a freezer cycle pipe connection having flexible reinforcement material.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		JP2-4376	2/1/1990	Higuchi		No
		JP2-43017	11/15/1990	Sato et al.		No
		JP4-31501	7/29/1992	Mochizuki		No
		JP8-14705	1/19/1996	Mochizuki et al.		Yes
		JP9-89417	4/4/1997	Makino et al.		Yes

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